
Case Study- DG Uses at Conectiv Future Challenges & Opportunities

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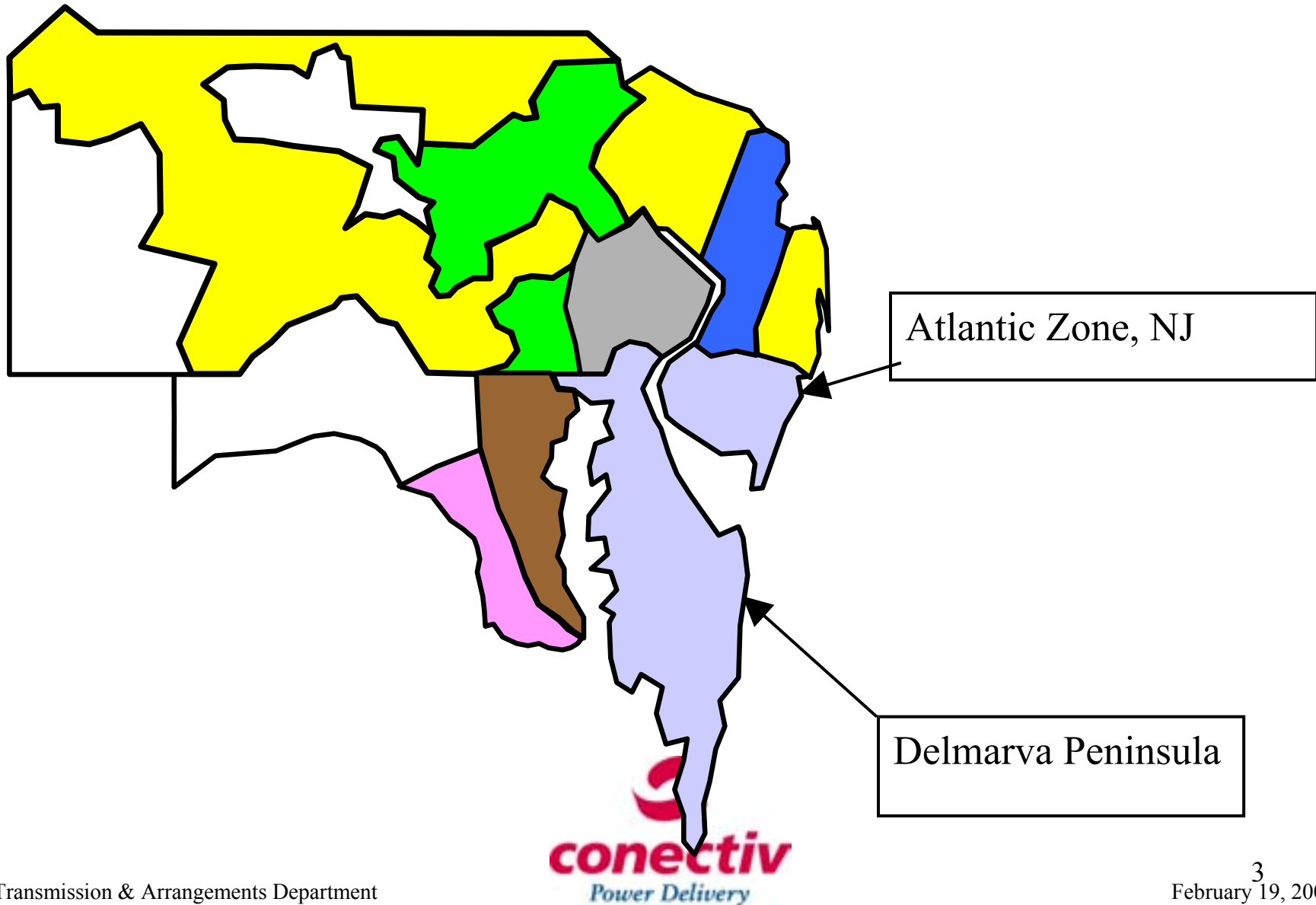
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PJM - Conectiv Territory



Introduction

A pole-less society in the year

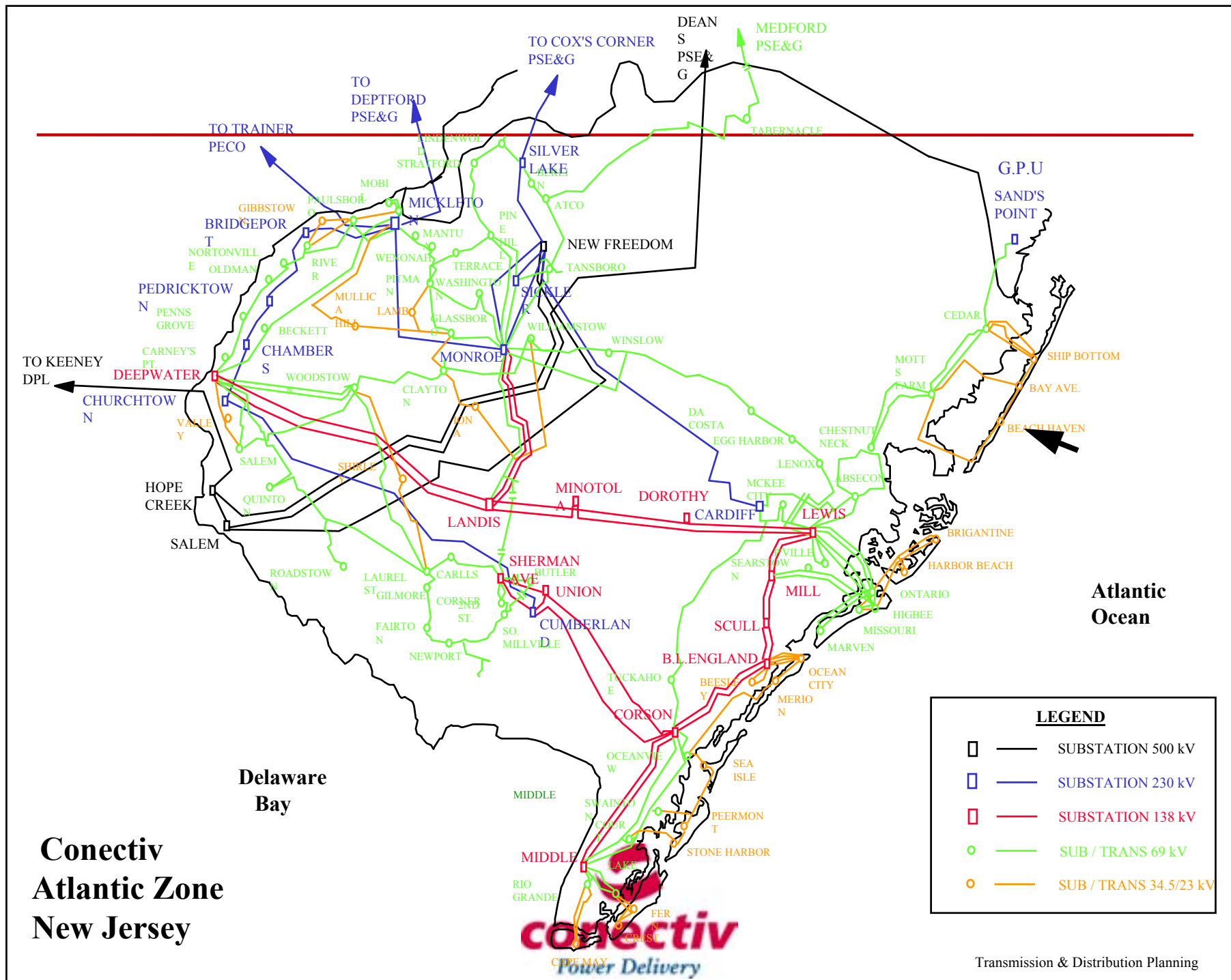
Presentation Outline

- Case Study - DG Uses at Conectiv
 - How and Where used
 - Derived Benefits
 - Challenges & Lessons Learned
- Future Challenges and Opportunities
 - Environmental Constraints
 - System protection
 - Value of output energy
 - New Technologies



DG uses at Conectiv- How used

- Partial substitute for major unit outages
- Provide end-of-system support
- Provide temporary generation during system repair.



DG uses at Conectiv- How & Where

- Partial Substitute for major unit outages
 - Installed 17.1 MW (Multiple 825KW Cummins & Detroit Diesel Units from GE) in 2000.
 - Installed 6 MW (3 -2 MW Cat Diesel Units, 5.4 MW Prime) in 2001.
 - All installations in the Southern portion of the Delmarva Peninsula.
 - All units located inside substations, most in remote locations.

DG uses at Conectiv- How & Where

- Provide end-of-system support
 - Installed 6 MW in 2001 (4- 1.5 MW Cummins diesel units, 1.25 MW Prime).
 - Location: N/E portion of NJ service territory
 - Residential Neighborhood in a beach resort
 - Interesting politics at play.

Beach Resort Installation



DG uses at Conectiv -How & Where

- Provide temporary generation during system repair
 - Installed 1- 1.5 MW Cummins unit in early 2001.
 - Located on the load side of a cable crossing the Chester River
 - Unit served customers while radial 25 kV submarine cable terminal was being repaired.
 - Reduced customer outages from 8-9 hrs to two 5 minute outages.

DG uses at Conectiv - Benefits

- Provides just enough system support to avoid problems due to loss of large units.
- Bridges the time gap between “planned” and “completed” system improvements.
- Reduces end-of-system load levels which reduces system losses & improves voltage.
- Cost effective when system is stressed.
- Improves Customer Service by reducing planned outage times.



Challenges and Lessons Learned

- Challenges
 - Environmental permitting
 - NIMBY's
 - Internal skeptics
- Lessons learned
 - Trust the technology
 - Plan ahead for local opposition
 - Stay the course, be a DG champion

Future Challenges & Opportunities

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Future Challenges

- Challenges for Grid Connected DG
 - Traditional Recip's and Small Turbines
 - New Technologies (Fuel Cells, Solar, Wind, Micro-turbines, Sterling Engines, etc.)
- Environmental
 - Permits not based on new engine performance
 - No Policy for grid connected operation
 - Net emissions effect unknown
 - General permit for utility emergency use anywhere on grid

Future Challenges

- Siting
 - aesthetics, fuel source, local permitting, sound, emissions
- Price - for new technologies
- Fuel infrastructure for new technologies
- Coordination with Automatic Line Equip.
- Protective Coordination
- Momentary interruptions and load pick-up

Future Challenges

- Planning and forecasting feeder load
- Assigning benefits from operating DG
- Net Metering for Micro-DG & Tariff Issues
- Level of Available Fault Current
- Operating a more complex system
- ROI risk in light of Central Gen capacity going long/short in cycles

Future Opportunities

- Reduced Demand and Energy Costs
- Deferred T & D Upgrades
- Reduced System Losses
- Voltage Support
- Increased Reliability
- Use of rarely used assets (existing DG)
- Reduced emissions with new technology

Future Opportunities

- Grid to become two way system for the benefit of customers that wish to export
- Electrical system equipment utilization increased by use of DG
- Higher utilization of back-up gens, car and truck power plants
- Lower cost controls, monitoring and communication to facilitate grid connected DG and interruptables

Future Opportunities

- Utilities allowing 3rd party mini-gen owners to connect at existing substations
- Will all this lead to a pole-less society?